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NC Representative Harold Brubaker
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Representative Brubaker,

I have sent you correspondence before – regarding my situation with Randolph Hospital. **You have never lent practical assistance in pursuing the case on the state level.**

The following letters to Asheboro Police Chief Gary Mason and US Congressman Howard Coble are self-explanatory. Those letters, in addition to the re-drafted criminal complaint recently submitted to Asheboro law enforcement, is posted on my website, www.asheboropediatrics.com.

I believe my story is one that merits a “look-see” by your ethics committee in Raleigh. Headlines prove that the North Carolina Medical Board does not have the broad powers it needs to really “police” medicine – and the North Carolina State Bar puts procedure above ethics. The “disproportionate share” scam, that North Carolina hospitals (led by Carolinas Medical Center) worked on Medicaid . . . as well as the near monopoly that Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina holds on the independently-insured in this state . . . prove beyond any shadow of any doubt that the “non-profit” sector is out of control. It is very clear that legislators have some work to do in terms of making the law work for everyone – not just a privileged few.

For the record, as a Pediatrician who has practiced in many settings all over this state, I believe the mandatory optometry exam for all North Carolina kindergarteners – recently made “law” through the political machinations of House Speaker Jim Black (an optometrist) is a **BAD law**. Pediatricians and Family Practitioners (the lowly “screeners” that Speaker Black apparently thinks often mistake serious eye disorders for ADHD) are, in fact, quite capable of performing thorough (and already mandatory) school exams. Those children who need further evaluation are referred. Indeed, I would not send such children to an optometrist, but an ophthalmologist (preferably one with pediatric subspecialty training).

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to hearing from you.

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